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What is the biggest problem that the nation faces?

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NATO to airlift 100,000 refugees

College Press Exchange

With throngs of refugees battling disease and starvation on Kosovo's borders, the United States and its European allies announced Sunday that they will airlift at least 100,000 ethnic Albanians to temporary shelters outside the Balkans.

But the helicopters will arrive too late to prevent the ethnic cleansing that already has emptied Kosovo of as much as one-third of its ethnic Albanian population. Refugees have fled what they described as murderous teams of Serbian troops, only to be trapped in the rain, cold and mud of a no-man's land along Kosovo's borders. Disease and illness has begun to spread among tens of thousands of cold and hungry people huddled in fields and along muddy roads. And allied efforts to provide shelter and food have fallen far short of the need.

"At this moment, we have 15 dead bodies and a lot of pregnant women with a lot of complications from standing for five or six days in the rain without food," said Dr. Arben Cami, 40, an ethnic Albanian from Macedonia who has been working at the Blace border for more than a week.

Although hundreds of thousands of ethnic Albanians have seen their homes and villages destroyed, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright insisted Sunday that they eventually will return to Kosovo.

The United States agreed to accept 20,000 ethnic Albanian refugees, though it was unclear Sunday where they will be housed. One possibility is the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba, previously used to house Haitian refugees. Another possibility, even farther afield, is Guam, where thousands of Kurdish refugees were sent after they were driven out of northern Iraq by Saddam Hussein's forces.

Germany will accept 40,000 refugees; Turkey, 20,000; Norway, 6,000; and Greece and Canada, 5,000 each, according to NATO spokesman Jamie Shea.



-Shane James

UTPA senior Luis Leal (right) assists technician Nick Morales in installing and testing new data lines that will be used by future computer classes to be held in the new library wing.

UTPA track athlete killed in weekend crash

By JOE LEAL
The Pan American

Angela Proctor, a member of the UTPA track and field team was killed Friday in a head-on collision while traveling north on a two-lane stretch of Highway 83. Also killed in the mishap was her husband, 21-year old Allen Cruz Olivas.

The vehicle, driven by Olivas, moved into the left lane, striking a semi truck head-on according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The accident occurred about six miles south of Catarina, which is about 60 miles north of Laredo.

According to DPS reports, the couple was headed north on 83 en route to Garner State Park. The accident took place at about 1 p.m. when their 1988 Ford Bronco veered into the left lane, made impact and burst into flames.

"Everyone here has been through a lot," said head track and



Angela Proctor

field coach Dana Colligan-Gutierrez. "She touched everybody. She was an amazing teammate and track was so important to her. We will all miss her."

At the time of the mishap, Proctor was nursing an ankle injury that sidelined her most of the spring semester. Her hus-

band was on leave from the U.S. Army.

Colligan-Gutierrez told The Pan American a meeting had been scheduled for four o'clock yesterday with the rest of the team to discuss a possible moment of silence dedicated to their fallen teammate at today's Bronc baseball game.

Proctor, the daughter of Bill and Diann Proctor of Haskell, Texas, ran the hurdles and multi events for UTPA. In 1996, she was a member of the Sunbelt Conference Commissioner's List and her best results came when she finished third in the 400 meter hurdles at the Border Olympics in 1997.

Proctor, 23, was a senior majoring in Anthropology with a minor in History. She is survived by her parents and her two sisters, Leta and Carrie.

Services for Proctor take place in Waco later this week.

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Freedom struck out when U.S. played baseball in Cuba

By HERBERT LONDON
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

It was the first Major League Baseball game in Cuba in 40 years, pitting the Baltimore Orioles against a team of Cuban all-stars, and there were plenty of congratulations to go around.

State Department officials contend that "the game" will help ease oppression by Fidel Castro's regime.

Sen. Patrick Leahy said the March 28 matchup (to be followed by one in Baltimore) should precipitate a review of American policy toward Cuba. The game sent a signal that "the majority of the people of the two countries have no animosity toward each other," the Vermont Democrat said.

Overlooked in the bravado is what the game meant to Fidel Castro. Advertised as a game for the Cuban people, the 50,000 seats in Havana's Estadio Latinoamericano were filled with those handpicked by the regime.

When the longtime dictator walked onto the field, the crowd shouted as if on cue, "Fi-del!" "Fi-del!" After greeting the Oriole players, Castro took his seat between Orioles' owner Peter Angelos and Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig.

With the game televised on Cuban television and the ESPN network in the United States, Castro was able to sanitize his image before millions without making even a token gesture of humanitarian reform.

While spokesmen for Major League Baseball downplayed the game's significance, claiming "it's only an exhibition baseball game," Castro pitched the event as politically symbolic.

"This shows that the Cuban people have no animosity to the American people," said Pedro Cabrera, a

spokesman for the Cuban Institute of Sports.

Whether the game is merely a cultural exchange or a historically significant event remains to be seen.

But several points are already clear. Castro appeared to many Americans as an unfairly maligned dictator. And, despite denials to the contrary, baseball has become a diplomatic instrument.

Baseball is deeply enmeshed in Cuban history and culture. Cubans began playing baseball more than 120 years ago and during their war for independence extolled the sport above all others.

Before Castro seized power in 1959, Cuba had already produced several major-league players, including Minnie Minoso, Tony Oliva and Camilo Pascual.

The so-called amateur program introduced by Castro in 1961 has yielded superb players. But until "the game," they had been denied the chance to compete against American baseball players. Even though the Cuban Stars lost in extra innings, they clearly demonstrated the ability to compete with a good major-league team.

But more important than the game's outcome was its public relations value for Castro. "All I understand about Mr. Castro is he knows a lot about baseball and he's an absolute fan of the game," Angelos noted, adding that Castro asked questions about major-league contracts and salaries.

The words "all I understand about Mr. Castro" displayed either gross ignorance or gross insensitivity.

Surely Angelos is aware of the dictatorship Castro has imposed on Cuba, and surely he must have read

something about the regime's civil rights violations, widespread torture and drug trafficking.

And surely Angelos must know something about Fidel's role in the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis.

But Angelos was not alone in averting his gaze from Castro's atrocities. Representatives of 20 major-league teams attended the game. Two fellow Democrats accompanied Leahy, Sen. Jack Reed of Rhode Island and Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke.

The New York Times reported the Americans in attendance felt themselves "part of a unique experience." Joel Atlas Skirble, a Washington lawyer who takes part in cultural exchanges with Cuba, gushed, "It's so emotional."

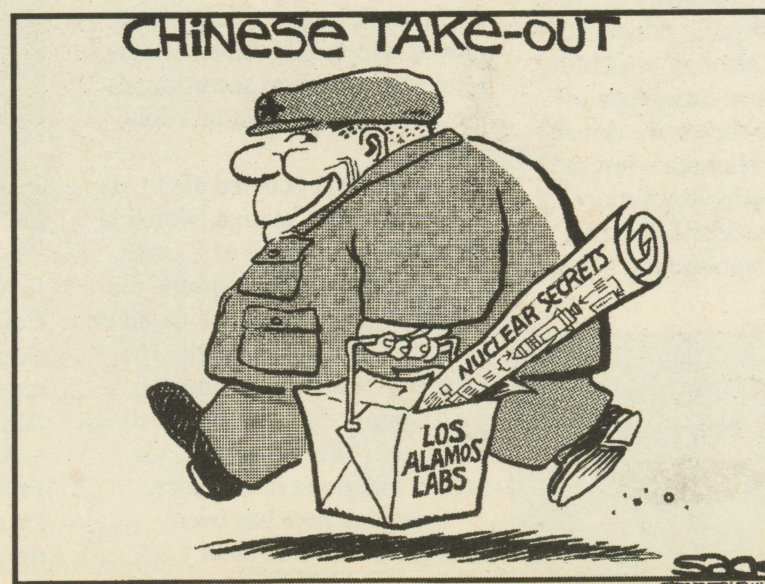
Not to be outdone in hyperbole, Sen. Leahy argued, "People may end up questioning both countries' policies more."

But how is that to be done? Will Cubans be given the right to question their government's policies because of Leahy's pronouncement? Will Castro liberalize his views because of baseball diplomacy?

When the Orioles scored in the 11th inning, ending the game, fans stood to applaud both teams. The man applauding loudest was Fidel Castro.

And why not? He had managed to convince many people in the hemisphere that as long as two nations love baseball, political differences are irrelevant.

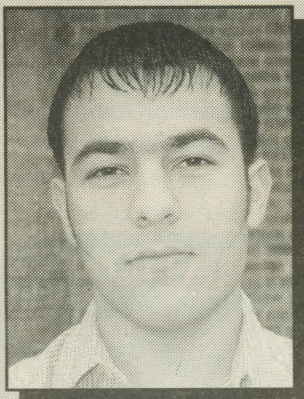
Those who have been imprisoned for decades in dank Cuban prisons may not share his exuberance over "the game." They know Castro has won a great victory at home and abroad. While baseball is a beloved sport in Cuba, hope for liberty has suffered a defeat at its hands.



Q & A

What is the most important problem this nation faces?

— Claudia Velasquez

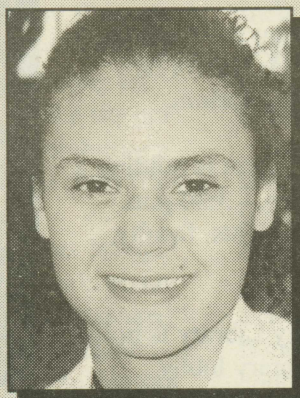


Luis Alfredo Bazan
Senior
Communication

People getting robbed of their finances through politics and religion. Evangelists are selling religion for large profits. On the political side of the issue, we have a corrupt government.

Erika Garza
Junior
English

An important problem is the lack of good leaders. Our country is run by weak individuals who fall prey to temptation.



Omar Molina
Freshman
Physical Therapy

The nation is concentrating too much on the president's controversies. People are not spending enough time thinking about the war.



Stacy Robles
Sophomore
Communication

Lack of responsibility. Too many people are not accepting the consequences of their own actions; therefore they blame others for their problems without thinking before they act.



Erica Sustaya
Junior
Philosophy

Violence. The constant exposure to violence by the media is causing the increase of crime. We can see that in our society. Crime is becoming part of our daily lives, which is very sad.



Health Services warns Students about STDs

By **KARLA QUINTANILLA**
The Pan American

Although Student Health Services held an STD and HIV Screening Clinic recently, Student Health Coordinator Shannon Petty wants to continue to educate students on the consequences of risky sexual activity.

"It is my job to inform students and help them live healthy lives," she said.

Although many people believe they know what an STD is, they might not be well informed.

What really is an STD?

An STD is any disease that is spread by various sexual practices between partners. Most STD germs need to live in a warm, moist environment. That is why the perfect place for them to live on the body is the mouth, rectum, vagina, vulva, penis, and testes.

STDs are becoming more common everyday. The number of sexually transmitted diseases is increasing to include diseases not previously known

to be sexually transmitted. Currently 1 out of every 6 adults in the U.S. has an STD. The number of cases has increased dramatically since the 1960s. Nearly two-thirds of all STDs occur in people younger than 25 years of age.

There are over 20 different STDs, four which are permanent. They include HIV, Herpes, Hepatitis B, and Human Papaloma Virus, also known as Genital Warts.

Remember: STDs are passed from person to person because of what they do. Every person is responsible for his or her own actions. Until medical research find a cure for HIV, herpes, hepatitis B, and genital warts, we must rely on changes in personal behavior to stop the spread of these incurable STDs.

If anyone has any questions or would like more information they are urged to stop by the Student Health Services Center, which keeps all visits confidential.

Parent-Child Day a success, says UPB

By **YOLANDA GUERRERO**
The Pan American

The University Program Board sponsored its annual Parent Child Day Picnic on Saturday. About 100 UTPA students and their children attended the event.

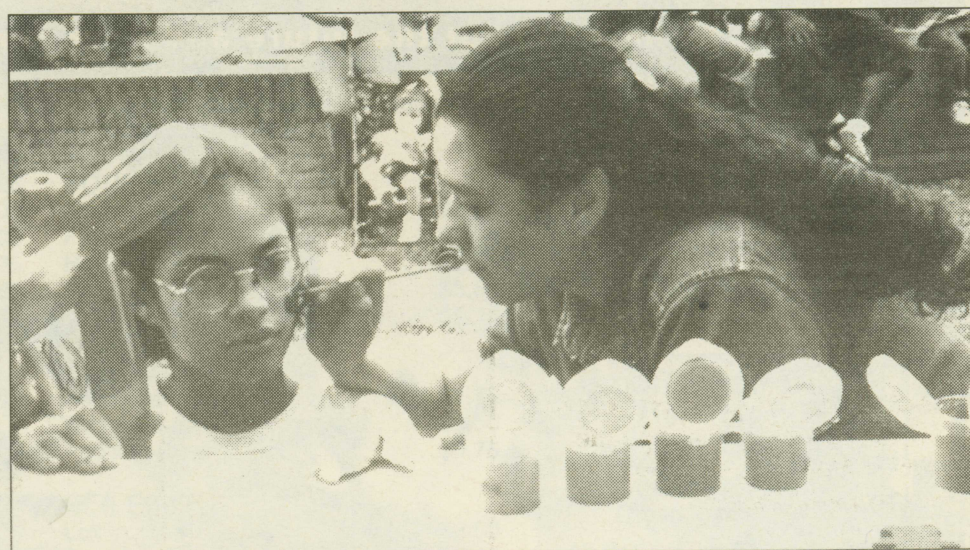
Several campus organizations participated by setting up games for the children from a cake walk, face painting, and balloon shaping by clowns.

"The event was a success," said Carlos Jimenez, a general member of

UPB. "There were more people this year than last and we hope to sponsor the event again next year."

Rides and a moonjump were also set up. "I think the rides attract the kids," said Johnny Peña, a parent who attended the event. "I was here last year and it seems that this time there is more involvement and organization."

The Parent Child Day Picnic is an annual event that is paid for by student fees and will continue to be sponsored by UPB.



—Yolanda Guerrero

ACTUE member Eva Quintero paints the face of Brenda Skurka at Saturday's Parent-Child Day, sponsored by the UPB.

APRIL

6 CLINIC: As part of Counseling Awareness Month, the UTPA Counseling Center is offering free stress and anxiety screenings from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Counseling/Advisement Center on the 5th floor of the Student Services Building.

6 MEETING: The Pre-Medical/Bio-Medical Society is meeting at Noon in the Science Building, room 1.288. Everyone is welcome to attend.

6 PRESENTATION: The Office of Student Activities is sponsoring a presentation on Internet Censorship with guest speaker and author Roger Newman at Noon in the COAS Theatre.

6 PRESENTATION: The Philosophy Club is presenting "Chronologies and Geographies of Self-Pity: The Two Battles of Kosovo (1389-1999)" featuring Dr. Nikola Petkovic from the English Department at Noon in SBSC 111. Students and faculty are welcome to attend.

6 BASEBALL: Broncs vs. Texas A&M Kingsville at 4 p.m. at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

6 ACTIVITY: ACTUE is presenting the Mexican film "Rojo Amanecer" at 6 p.m. in COAS 351. Everyone is invited to attend, and admission is

free. The film is about a social protest that took place in Mexico City in 1968.

6 ART RECEPTION: UTPA Art Galleries is hosting a reception for the Bachelor of Fine Art Exhibit from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Charles and Dorothy Clark Gallery (FIAB 135).

6 RECITAL: The Music Department is presenting a Senior Recital featuring Art Hinojosa on saxophone at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

7 OPEN HOUSE: As part of Counseling Awareness Month, the UTPA Counselors is hosting an Open House for students, faculty, and staff from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Counseling/Advisement Center on the 5th floor of the Student Services Building.

9-10 BASEBALL: Broncs vs. Incarnate Word at 4 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

11 RECITAL: The Music Department is presenting a Faculty Recital featuring Dr. Dahlia Guerra on piano at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

12-14 CLINIC: Student Health Services is holding a TB Screening Clinic from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. with special pricing (\$2.00) for students, faculty, and staff in Emilia Hall.

12-16 BOOK SALE: The University Library is holding its annual book sale in the Library lobby.

13 CLINIC: Student Health Services is holding a Women's Wellness Clinic from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. with special pricing for students, faculty, and staff in Emilia Hall. To make an appointment, call 381-2511.

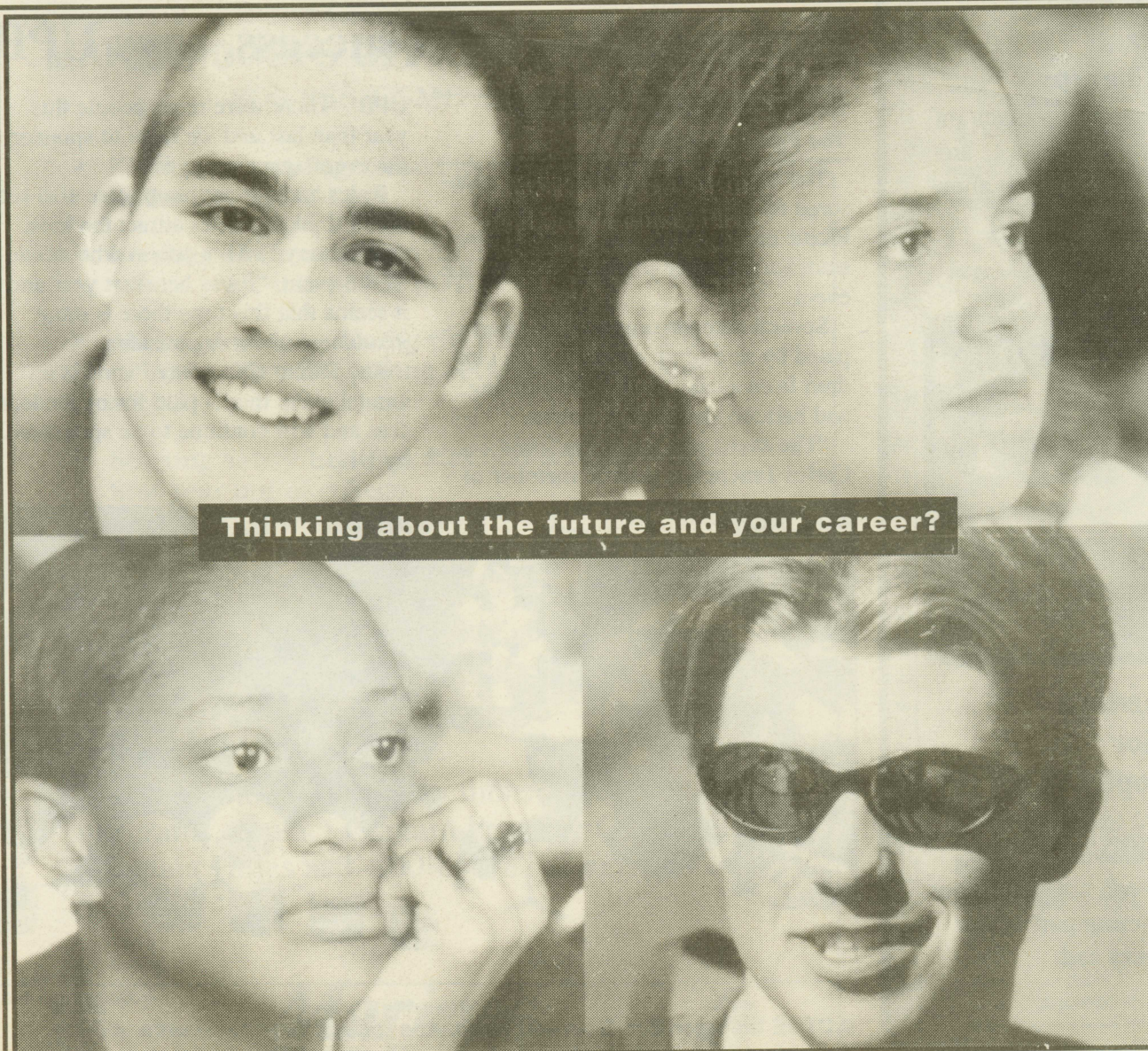
13 MEETING: The Pre-Medical/Bio-Medical Society is meeting at Noon in the Science Building, room 1.288. Everyone is welcome to attend.

13 RECITAL: The Music Department is presenting a Senior Voice Recital featuring Adrian Guerra and Melissa Maldonado at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

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Texas Senate likely to OK limits on gun-maker suits

College Press Exchange

AUSTIN, Texas – The Texas Senate gave initial approval to a bill to limit government entities, including counties and cities, from suing gun manufacturers without permission of the Legislature.

The legislation is designed to protect gunmakers from financial harm as a result of lawsuits seeking damages related to gun violence.

Sen. Jon Lindsay, R-Houston, who sponsored the bill, said groups who oppose firearms can presently file suits in an effort to shut down gun manufacturers.

"This is kind of a backdoor way of the anti-gun people to put the gun industry totally out of business," Lindsay said.

The bill requires legislative consent to pursue a lawsuit because an issue of this magnitude should be dealt with at the state level, Lindsay said.

But Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said the bill violated

the principle of local control, adding that the bill is "out of control."

Ellis said the legal theory which supports suing gun manufacturers is still developing, but if the law allows such lawsuits, the decision to sue should be made at the local level.

"This notion of the law is in its infancy now, but if, five or six years from now, a theory to that purpose would develop, it would probably be a hospital district which would be in the best position to file such a lawsuit," Ellis said.

The Senate rejected amendments proposed by Ellis which would have defeated the measure's intent, including an amendment to strike the portion of the bill prohibiting a governmental unit from filing suit.

When the bill was brought to the floor last week, some senators expressed concern that the attorney general would not be able to file suit

under the legislation.

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, said the original form of the bill would also prevent police departments from filing suit if defective guns injured a police officer.

To address these concerns, the Senate adopted an amendment Wednesday by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, which excludes the attorney general from the bill's provisions and outlines situations in which a governmental unit could sue a gunmaker without express consent from the Legislature.

Local governments could file a suit if a contract is breached or if property were damaged by a defective firearm or ammunition.

Barrientos expressed that although the amendment improved the legislation, the measure is bad public policy.

"You put earrings on it, put a little lipstick, put a little perfume on it," Barrientos said, "but it's still an ugly bill."

Seen Around Campus



– Shane James

Evangelist Ken Freeman preaches to a group of students during a recent campus revival. The three-day event drew a large crowd to the tent in front of the old science quad.

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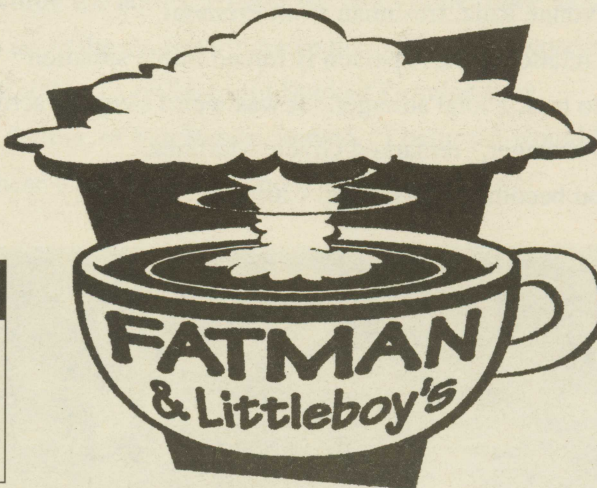
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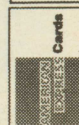
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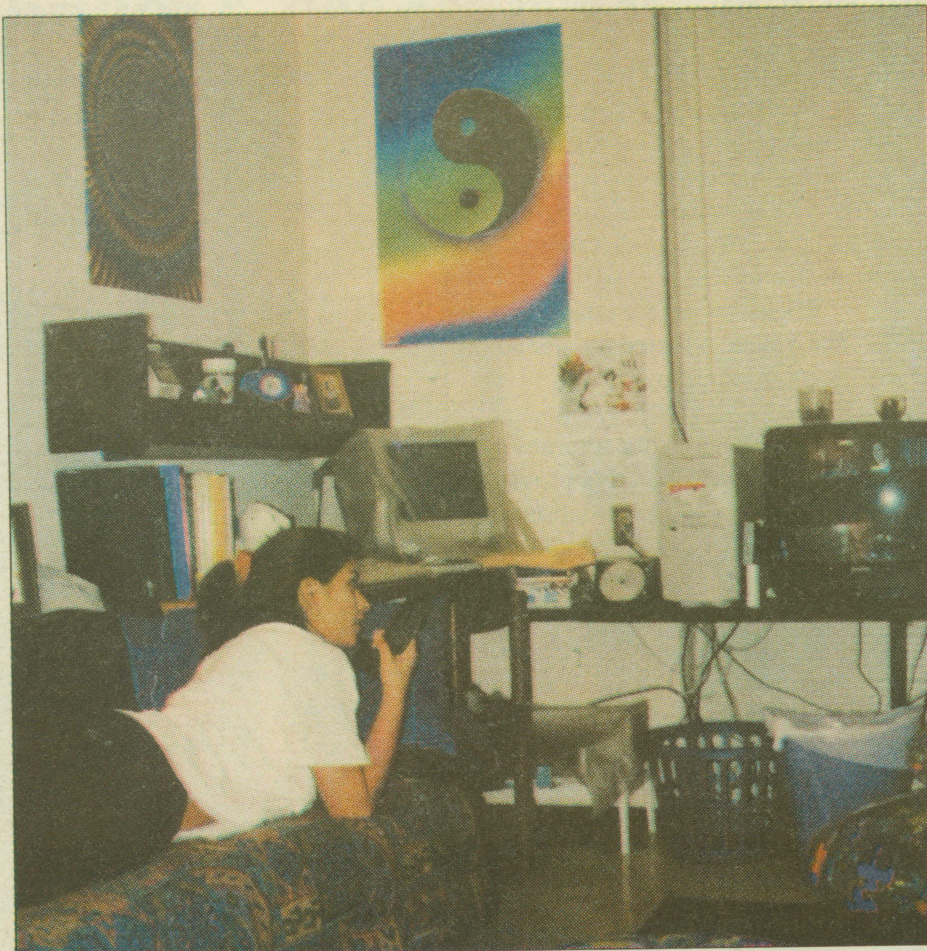
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Seeking the familiar, Glenda Saenz modeled her dorm after her room back home.



Dorm Life

'After a while, you

by Adrian

Dorm life is the ultimate test for social skills. It becomes a sink or swim situation. It is the consensus of the residents that dorm life was much easier to bear because of the friendships.

"Every freshman should live in the dorms. It opens doors to new experiences," said Yvonne Ruiz, freshman from Premont.

Dorm life builds relationships. A person is forced into a situation where he or she has to trust a total stranger. "It was weird sleeping across the room from a total stranger," remarked Gracie Martinez.

"After awhile, you become family," said Christina Garcia.

Other ideas shared by most residents was that they learned new life skills and responsibilities. In building new relationships, many felt that their social skills improved. Residents added that they became more tolerant and less judgmental of other people.

"You learn not to judge people as quickly," said Veronica Ramos.

Social skills are not the only skills learned while living in the dorms. Many residents have had to learn the dreaded art of doing laundry. One responsibility is cleaning the bathroom. One bathroom is shared by two-room suites with up to four persons. Renata Lara said their group solved the problem by devising a cleaning schedule.



Above: Pedro Morales learns a new skill now that he doesn't live at home.

Right: Stephen Mallard and Joey Garcia study in the Troxel Hall lobby as Pablo Gonzalez snoozes.



rm fe become family'

F. Treviño



Lupita Mendiola, Rosa Elvia Quiñones, Gracie Martinez, Faviola Garcia, Meli Aguirre, and Christina Garcia enjoy a home-cooked spaghetti meal.

One of the advantages expressed by many of the residents was convenience and accessibility.

"I like that can walk over to the library, computer lab, or the gym," said Glenda Saenz.

The most common response from the men's dorm was that they could wake up five minutes before class and still be on time.

An interesting combination of camaraderie and accessibility can be found at Troxel Hall. "This is the dorm that never sleeps," remarked Wayne Henderson. "There's always someone awake."

Dorm life is not without its problems. Complaints involve visitation

hours, cafeteria food, meal options, and lack of activities.

The lives of those who live in the dorms revolve around the campus, said Stephen Mallard.

"Because UTPA is more of a commuter school, it is hard to get a sense of community within the student body. This sense of community is shared within the dorms because we're all in the same situation," he said.

"It's up to the students to make the best of this experience," said Sandra Rosales, Coordinator of Student Development.

J.C. Garcia, of San Benito, agreed. "I believe I would have missed out on these experiences if I had chosen to commute."



Jeff Pierce and Xavier Garcia-Rojas play ping-pong in Troxel Hall's rec room.



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Clinton bolsters Allied Forces with Apache helicopters

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — President Clinton finally gave a nod to the week-old request by NATO's commander, U.S. Army Gen. Wesley Clark, to add low-flying Apache attack helicopters to the weapons used against Serbian forces in Kosovo.

But the decision took political approval from NATO ambassadors in Brussels to deploy the 24 helicopter gunships to Albania.

This top-level involvement in the decision to bolster allied forces with the Apaches reflects the tight political grip that Washington and the European capitals are maintaining on military operations.

What some say is necessary to maintain alliance solidarity, critics see as excessive political meddling that jeopardizes a successful outcome in NATO's first shooting war.

"I believe we need to turn the running of this war over to

Gen. Clark . . . and take it away from the bureaucrats in Brussels, who are deciding what targets to hit and what policy to follow as far as day-to-day running of the air war," Senate Intelligence Committee chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., said Sunday.

Gen. Clark and NATO's military command have needed to return to NATO's policy-making council for approval before each expansion of the bombing campaign, including the sensitive decision to strike targets in Belgrade.

Working within an alliance inevitably complicates military decisions, according to Sen. Charles Robb, D-Va., a member of the Senate Armed Service Committee. "If we ended up going it alone, we could make many decisions much faster and much more expeditiously, but we would lose some members of the alliance and some of the unity that is important," Robb said.

Clark's request for the

Apache AH-64A helicopters, which are armed with Hellfire antitank missiles, and for tactical field missiles raised political concerns because sending the Apaches into action inevitably creates the risk that they will be shot down in Kosovo.

And the 2,000 U.S. soldiers - aircraft maintenance, communications and military intelligence support soldiers as well as a mechanized infantry battalion - included in the deployment also raises the risk of troops being drawn into conflict with Yugoslav forces.

"The obvious question you all have is, 'Isn't this a step toward the employment of ground troops in Kosovo?'" said Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon. "And the answer is absolutely not."

"This is pure and simple an expansion of the air operation," Bacon said at a Pentagon briefing. "It's to give us the type of tank-killing capability that the bad weather

has denied us. It will give us the capability to do a more effective job at neutralizing the forces on the ground."

Bacon said it could take as long as 10 days to deploy the Apaches from their base at Illesheim, Germany. Bacon said Clinton then will make a decision on whether the helicopters go into action based on whether there is sufficient "force protection."

In support of the Apaches and their crews, the United States is sending a battalion of 18 anti-artillery Multiple-Launch Rocket Systems launched from tracked vehicles, and Army Tactical Missile Systems, long-range, surface-to-surface missiles that can strike air defenses that might threaten the Apaches even in the poor weather that has stymied NATO jet fighters and bombers.

The Apache, built by Boeing Co.'s McDonnell Douglas unit, rises from hiding to fire its missiles and then quickly

drops back out of sight. It carries a 1,200-round, 30mm gun as well as 76 2.75-inch rockets and 16 independently targetable Hellfire antitank missiles.

Bacon said that the U.S. and NATO allies have given Clark everything he has requested. Bacon cited the decision to divert the U.S. aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt, with its 47 fighter aircraft and accompanying ships with cruise missiles, to the Adriatic from its planned deployment in the Persian Gulf.

Sens. Robb and Richard Lugar, R-Ind., a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said on ABC-TV that they support the use of the Apaches despite the risks to their American crews.

"The problem with our strategy is that it has been very low risk," Lugar said, "but we're getting a higher probability that we're going to lose the war by pursuing low-risk tactics."

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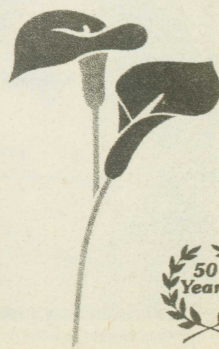
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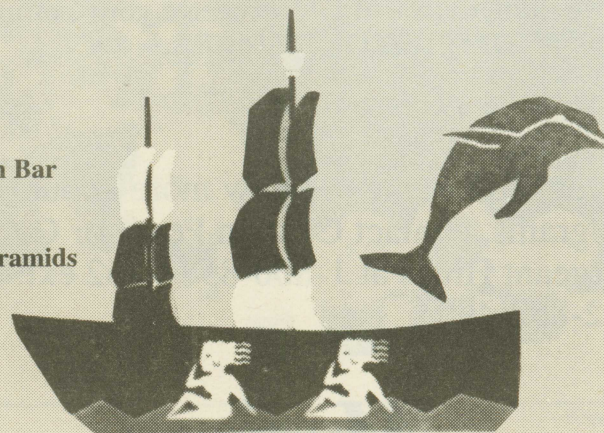
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Iverson-Brown feud apparently over

By PHIL JASNER

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

TORONTO - The Brown-Iverson affair is over.

Allen Iverson, the Sixers' star guard and the NBA's leading scorer, had words with coach Larry Brown in the second quarter of Friday night's loss to the Cleveland Cavaliers and wasn't used for the remainder of the half. He did not play the second half, saying he was hurt, suffering from an aggravation of his bruised right thigh, first injured March 19 against the Los Angeles Lakers.

"He felt he was letting the team down because of the injury," said Sixers center Matt Geiger (20 points, nine rebounds), who spoke with Iverson Saturday.

"He felt that by playing, if he was 80 percent, he'd go back to 70 percent. It was like he was taking little steps back. Hopefully, he'll come Tuesday (to play against the Milwaukee Bucks) feeling mentally fresh and ready. We may have a team meeting about it (Monday)."

When Brown attempted to re-insert Iverson in last Friday's game with 9 minutes, 57 seconds remaining in the

second quarter, Iverson was heard to say "About (bleeping) time."

Iverson, who had played all 12 minutes of the first quarter and shot 0-for-7, then was told to sit back down. After that loss, Iverson said he would not play against the Raptors, doubted that he would play against the Bucks and that he would not resume playing until the injured thigh was "100 percent ... however long it takes."

The Sixers have dropped five of their last six, seven of their last nine overall and seven of their last nine on the road. The Raptors left the Air Canada Centre as the No. 7 playoff seed in the East, while the Sixers have slid behind the top eight.

"We have 18 games left, and we need to win at least 12," Geiger said. "If we don't, we could be looking at our season ending May 5."

Said co-captain Harvey Grant, in his 11th season in the league: "I'm from the old school. Coaches coach. If a coach wants to play you 40 minutes or 20 minutes, that's his decision. You get paid to play."

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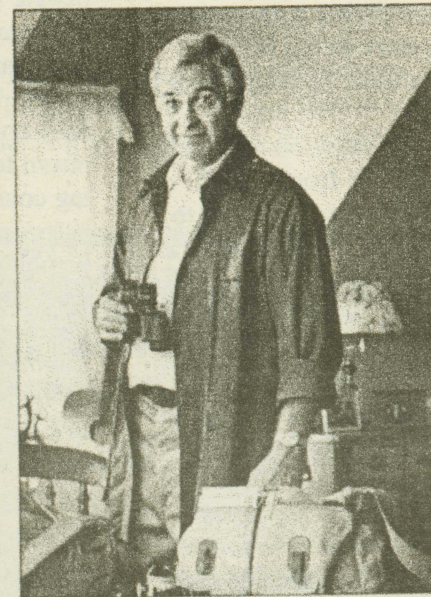
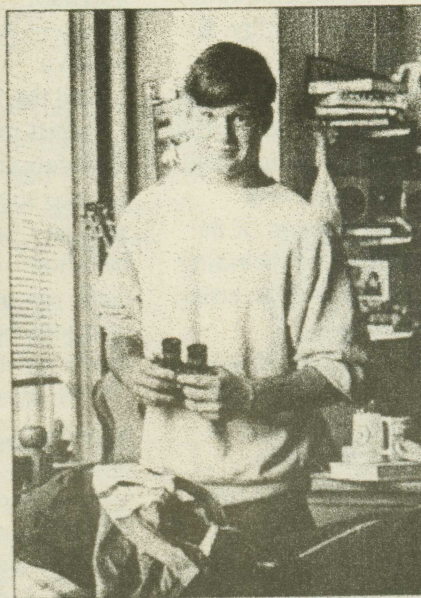
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Broncs drop three of four to Patriots

Bottenfield pitches gem and cools DBU bats to avoid second sweep of the season

UTPA Sports Information

Jason Bottenfield cooled off the red-hot-hitting Dallas Baptist University Patriots by holding them to six singles and a double Saturday, pitching UTPA to a 6-3 victory.

DBU took Saturday's second game, 7-1, while winning the series, 3-1. DBU raised its impressive record to 26-11 and could move higher than its present No. 3 rank nationally in NAIA baseball.

"I thought Bottenfield threw well and the defense played outstanding in the first game (Saturday)," said Reggie Tredaway, UTPA coach, whose Broncs now stand 23-14. "We scored enough runs to hang on and win. In the second game they outpitched us."

"Omar (Ortiz) threw well enough to win the night game Friday," Tredaway added—still unhappy that DBU escaped with a 4-3 victory against the Bronc pitching ace. DBU also took the series opener, 7-0.

Bottenfield (6-2) became UTPA's winningest pitcher with a solid effort Saturday. He walked three and struck out only four, but he escaped the home-run wrath of the Patriots, who tagged other Bronc pitchers for four homers to the Broncs' none in the series.

Trailing 2-0 in their win, the Broncs scored all six of their runs for Bottenfield in the second inning with just three hits. T.J. Bartosh, Anthony Arteaga and Steve Garza (3-for-6 Saturday) singled around four walks that doomed DBU starter Brian Steffek (2-3).

Although Steffek was the only Patriot pitcher-of-record who didn't beat the Broncs, he hurt them in other ways—a two-run homer he pinch-hit to help beat Ortiz Friday, and three doubles in the 7-1 final game.

Larry Martin (2-0) mopped up the Broncs in the series finale, allowing two singles after Dusty Hart's leadoff double that gave the Broncs a brief 1-0 lead.

Low Ford clinched DBU's final victory with a three-run homer, his third of the season, off relief pitcher Joey Cole.

Starter Jason Thompson (4-2) left trailing 3-1 and suffered the loss.

UTPA next plays Texas A&M-Kingsville at 4 p.m. today.

The Broncs end their home schedule with that single game, followed by a three-game home series against University of the Incarnate Word from San Antonio on Friday and Saturday.

After Saturday, the Broncs finish with nine straight road games at Texas, Dallas Baptist, Kansas State, Oklahoma State and Texas-Arlington between Apr. 14 and May 8.

DBU hands Ortiz Third straight loss

UTPA Sports Information

Dallas Baptist used Cody Sunbeck's three-hit pitching plus a pinch-hit home run by another pitcher, Brian Steffek, to shock UTPA twice Friday, 7-0 and 4-3.

After Sunbeck shut out the UTPA for the first time in 34 games in the opening game, the Broncs were rolling along with a 3-1 lead in the nightcap when lightning struck them.

Pinch hitter Steffek bombed a two-run homer close to 475 feet over the left-field screen to tie it, 3-3, in the fifth. The bomb easily cleared the screen and the home behind it.

DBU's Patriots won it in an extra inning, the eighth, when Steve Berry doubled, Nate Cook singled and an infield out by Low Ford scored a run.

The 4-3 defeat stung Bronc pitching ace Omar Ortiz (5-4) with his third straight close loss while some major-league scouts watched.

Ortiz struck out 11, allowed just five hits and two walks.

In the opener DBU exploited two more home runs—Mike Wilson's 12th and Chris Gavriel's 10th—to win going away.

DBU raised its record to 25-10 with its seventh straight road victory. The Broncs fell to 22-14.

Friday's game marked the third consecutive loss for Ortiz, whose record dropped to 5-4.

In starts against Yale and Texas Tech, the right-hander struck out 23 batters, allowing just 10 hits and five earned runs.

DBU's 3-0 advantage in home runs turned the tide Friday.

The Broncs got just three singles in the opener, a game-starting clean hit to left by Dusty Hart, then two infield singles by Andy Ness and pinch hitter Trevor Tully, who bounced one off the pitcher's glove.

Both teams gave up unearned runs in the first inning of the nightcap on pitcher's errors. The Broncs rallied when Andy Wallace tripled across Anthony Arteaga, who had singled, in the second. Wallace plated Arteaga again with a single in the fourth.

Piazza prepared for high expectations

By T.J. QUINN
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

MIAMI - Mike Piazza knows something about expectations in New York.

He went from savior to sap in one month last season, bringing the venom of fans because he was hitting in the low .200s with runners in scoring position. The lesson was that hype begets hassle if expectations are not quickly met.

By September, Piazza was one volcanic eruption of a hitter and he was greeted with signs begging him to stay in New York. The lesson was that no one gives a cup of warm beer how a team or a person started the season as long as success is achieved in the end.

"If we have a little stumble out of the gate, it's not going to be, 'Oh my God!'" Piazza said. "Look how the Yankees started last year." They began 1-4 and won 114 games.

That said, the Mets know their off-season spending jaunt is a bargain with the devil. If they get off to a good start, beginning with yesterday's opener against the Florida Marlins, it means a summer of happy crowds, happy media, and happy owners.

And if they stumble, then there will be questions and defensive answers and demands that somebody do something. The end may justify the means in baseball, but going to the office is a lot more fun when no one's asking you to explain yourself.

Most members of the Mets realize that New York crowds can be tough, especially when there is a payroll of more than \$70 million at hand. But for anyone in uniform,

the desire for a strong start this season is usually a practical one.

Piazza said he has watched how much easier the postseason is for teams that have clinched their divisions early, as opposed to the ones who find themselves in an exhausting September dogfight, as the Mets did last season.

A glance at the Mets' early schedule should be encouraging: The first 13 games are against the Florida Marlins and Montreal Expos, the two worst teams in the National League last season.

But the Mets went 11-13 against those two, including three losses to Montreal in the now-infamous five-game skid that ended the Mets' playoff hopes.

Fans might think the Mets should roll over those teams, but Piazza said that attitude doesn't hold in the clubhouse.

"Inside the team we respect every team," he said. "If you're here, even if you're a rookie, it's for a reason. Even if you're playing a team that's seemingly rebuilding, they're major-leaguers."

Piazza looks around the Mets clubhouse, though, and sees a group of established, accomplished veterans who won't crumble if things don't go well right away.

Robin Ventura was a witness to two hyped teams that crashed because of poor starts. The 1994 White Sox had the best record in the American League when the strike ended play, but the 1995 team was 20 games below .500 by June and manager Gene Lamont was fired.

"Look at the Marlins in 1997," he said. "They started out underachieving, but they put it together at the right time." And won the World Series.

Women fall to McNeese State while Men finish season with winning mark

UTPA Sports Information

A collegiate doubleheader in women's tennis lasted nearly eight hours Thursday, when the McNeese State Cowgirls outlasted the UTPA Lady Broncs, 7-2 and 6-3.

In the second dual meet at No. 1 Maria Fernandez upset McNeese State's Jo Keene from England 8-6. To end the long day they played pro sets in singles the second time around.

UTPA came close in the second match when Gladys Fernandez bested Carla Salazar at No. 5 singles, 8-4, and then teamed with Kristine Getchel to take No. 3 doubles, 8-5. Sarah Voss came close at No. 3 singles, losing to Vicki Stone of McNeese, 9-8.

The Cowgirls swept the first four singles in the opener.

Fernandez won at No. 5 over Dariella Blanco, 6-1, 6-2. Fernandez and Sagnite Garcia of UTPA took No. 1 doubles, 9-7, on a 7-4 tie-break. Katie Corkill went three sets at No. 4 singles before losing to Betina Crooks, 5-7, 6-1, 6-1.

In San Antonio, the men's team ended their spring season splitting two matches with UTSA and Lamar on Saturday at UTSA.

The Broncs fell 3-4 to UTSA while beating the Lamar Cardinals 4-2 in the match before.

Ending their Bronc careers were seniors Javier

Cuesta and Rafael Gonzalez.

Cuesta struggled to finish on a positive note, but managed a 7-5, 4-6, 7-5 marathon victory over Brad Williams.

Gonzalez had a bit of an easier time winning 7-6, 6-2 over the Roadrunner's Henrick Richardsson.

The Roadrunners avenged a February 13th 4-3 loss to the Broncs.

The match against Lamar was also the second meeting between the schools, with UTPA coming out on top 4-3.

The Broncs took three of the six singles matches when Javier Cuesta's match against Brady Massola suspended at 2-2 in the third set because of rain.

Enrique Bastante, Cesar Vargas, and Rafael Gonzalez came through for UTPA.

In the doubles, Cuesta teamed with brother Jorge to take down Lamar's Mike Ferraro and Chris Chapman 8-5.

At no. 3 doubles, Vargas and Bastante combined to beat Massola and Sylvain Ruest 8-6.

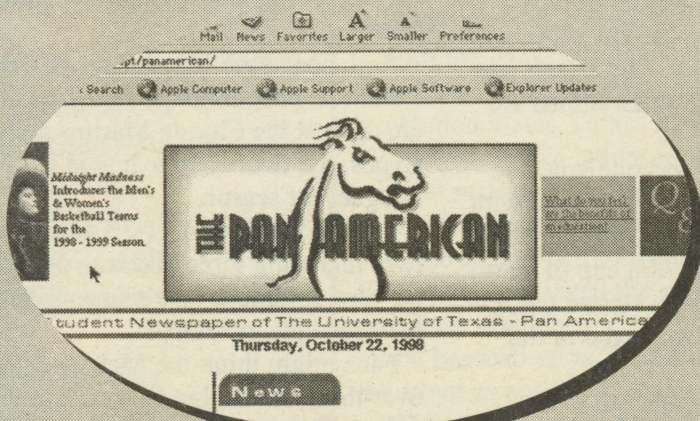
The Broncs finish the spring with an 8-5 record while the women stand at 2-8 with matches at UTSA and at home against A&M Corpus Christi.



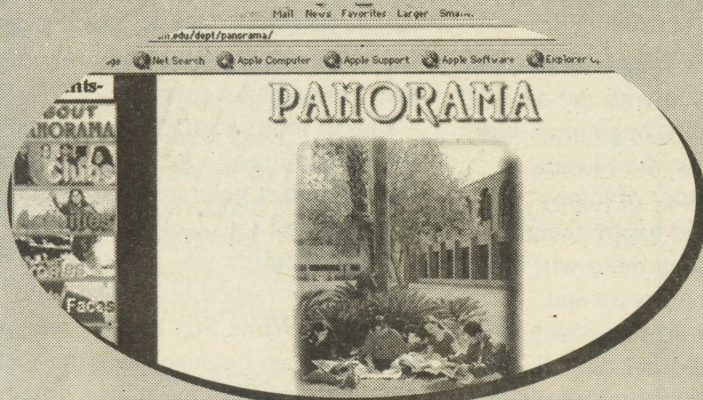
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Saginte Garcia rips a backhand during her singles match against McNeese State.

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